

# Gainesville Police Department



# Underage Prohibition Order

## Historical Review

- Previous City Ordinance allowed establishments to be open until 6am
- This was commonly known as the “Raves”
- This allowed the mixture of both 18 and over to gather together in the bars but no alcohol was allowed after 2am.
- Problems seen with this was a high usage of narcotics and policing/fire rescue required well after 2am

# Current Ordinance

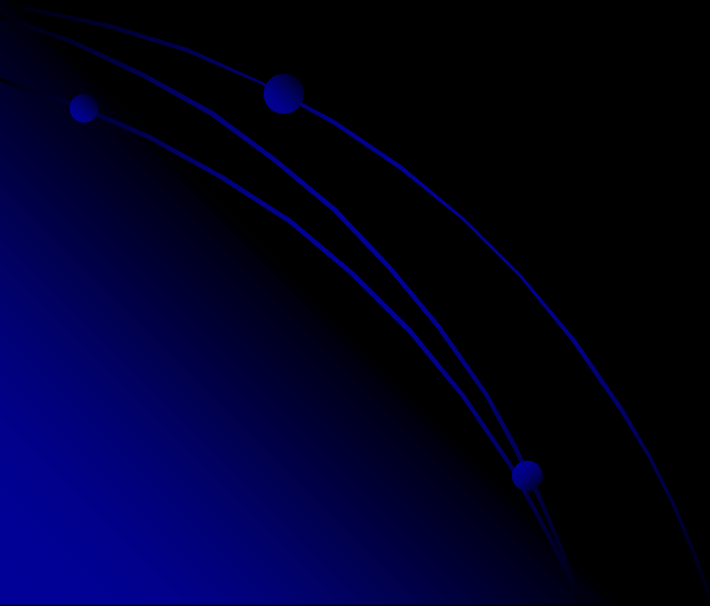
- Bars can operate with the mixture of both under age and those that are of age to consume alcohol
- Alcohol can not be consumed in the establishment after 2am and all establishments considered to be a bar have to close by 2am
- Bars must have door managers at every entrance

# Current Ordinance

- Bars must have counters which is done by the door manager.
- The establishments have been held responsible if found in violation of allowing those under 21 to consume alcohol.
- Enforcement of FSS can be applied through undercover buys. We can then charge the bartender/server but not the Owner.

# Current Ordinance cont.

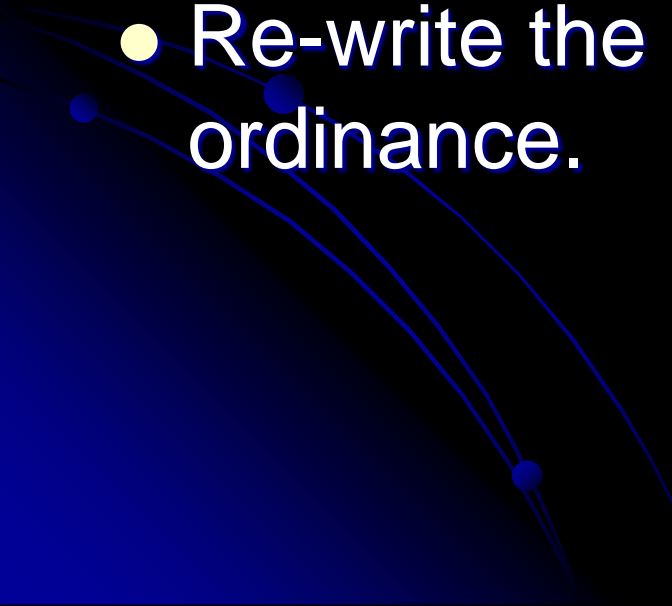
- The City Ordinance has been found to be unenforceable by the courts which is why we are here today.



# Enforcement/Education

- Refer violators (students) to Judicial Affairs (if UF and SFC decide to participate) instead of an arrest
- PSAs
- Partnership with ABT-complete more details
- Arrest all subjects and transport to ASODOJ

# Enforcement/Education

- Complete more education programs such as the PBT (portable breath testing).
  - Continue with Safety Kiosk details.
  - Re-write the underage prohibition ordinance.
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# Options for the Future

- Not allow anyone under 21 into the establishments/bars
- Restrict Under 21 patrons to 10:00PM time, Under 21 have to vacate the establishment
- Have a permitting process for 3 quarters during the year.
- Bar Owners found in violation would not be given a permit for the next quarter



# Options Cont.

- If no new violations the bar could be issued a permit for the next quarter.
- Violations would be for those found in the establishment with alcohol under 21.
- The permit would allow the bar to have 18 and 21 year olds in the establishment serving only the 21 and over citizens.

# What are we trying to Accomplish

- Reduce violence and sexual assaults
- Make bar owners/establishments more responsible for the bad behavior
- Help those that become incapable of making good decisions
- The Police cannot police all of those underage participants. We need the establishments to do the right/responsible thing

Questions?

